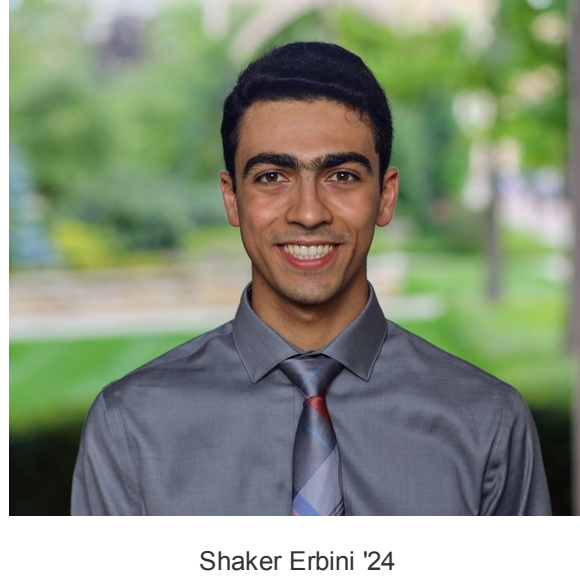


Advent Blessings

During the quiet season of Advent, as we wait for the days to get longer and brighter, we wish you rest and calm. May the hustle and bustle of the season be punctuated by slower moments of reflection and peace. As our scholars headed back to family and friends, we explored them to slow down and soak in small bits of peace. It's a good reminder for all of us. We also hope you'll join us in conveying special blessings on our co-director Richard Pierce as he takes a leave to focus on his health during the spring of 2022. We look forward to connecting with each of you in the year to come and pray for continued health across the globe.

Wishing you all the best as we move into 2022,

Maria, Amanda, and Sarah



Shaker Erbini '24

Scholar Spotlight: Shaker Erbini '24

Shaker Erbini '24 has known he wanted to be a doctor for quite some time. Last summer, he shadowed multiple physicians through varied Notre Dame connections. Shaker shared his experience in our [Sophomore Summer Profile](#). When we checked in with him this semester and he shared his extracurricular activities, we knew we needed to highlight this thoughtful and discerning scholar.

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Alumni Spotlight: Elicia Dennis '18

Elicia Dennis '18 has curated a wildly full life for herself. She is a web content strategist for the College of Arts and Letters at the University, a graduate student, a board member of [THRIVE](#) (Notre Dame's employee resource group for female employees). She also serves on the alumni advisory board of the AnBryce Foundation. Her bustling schedule is a far cry from her time immediately after graduation; a time she speaks about honestly to scholars worried about their future. We sat down with Elicia to hear what is keeping her busy, how she has grown, and what she is looking forward to in 2022.



Elicia Dennis '18 with her fur babies

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"I really want to grow the community of AnBryce Scholars between Notre Dame and NYU. We have so much to offer each other." E. Dennis '18



Salonee Seecharan '18

Alumni Spotlight: Salonee Seecharan '18

We are thrilled to also welcome Salonee Seecharan '18 back to campus. Salonee is the new Learning Initiatives' Program Manager with ND Learning.

Salonee recently completed a Master of Social Science program at UCLA. Her Master's Thesis: "Immigrants Engaged: Quantifying Volunteerism in the United States with Panel Data from 2004 to 2015" built on her undergraduate studies and research interests. Salonee's senior thesis focused on the lived experiences of Notre Dame's DACA students, post 2016, highlighting narratives of illegality, deservingness, and opportunity.

She is looking forward to connecting with current scholars, especially those interested in sociology, graduate studies, and, of course, internships in her incredibly dynamic office which focuses on learning sciences and the pedagogy of teaching, learning, and assessment.

Scholar Portfolio:

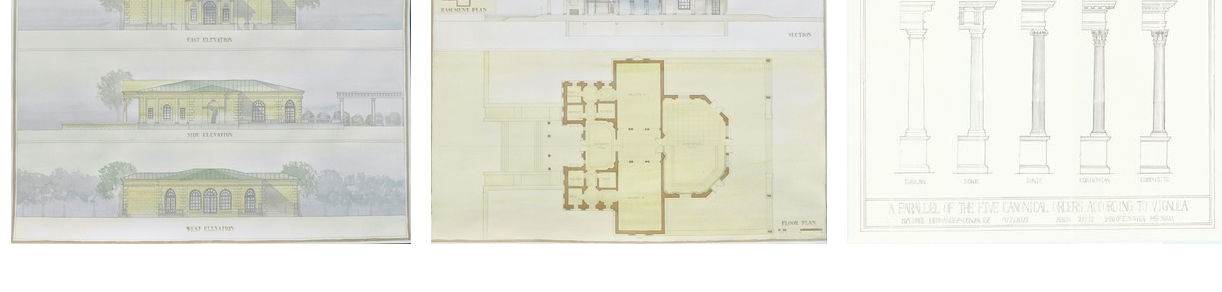
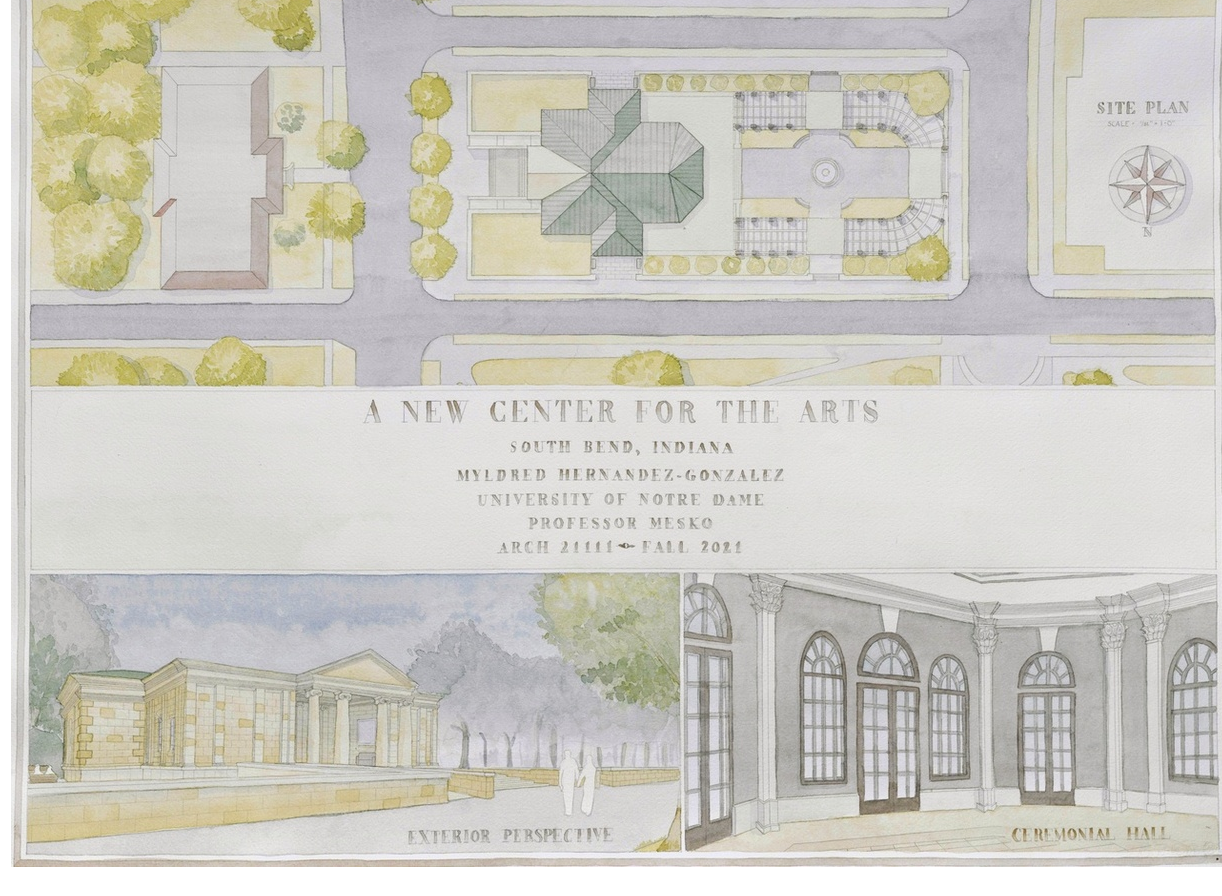
Myldred Hernandez-Gonzalez '24

We are so impressed with our art, design, and architecture students. Our newsletters will now include a portfolio section where we can share the excellent work these scholars are putting into the world each semester.

As a second year architecture student, Myldred has all but moved into the architecture building on the south side of campus. She is sharing her final project for the semester—a design for a new Center for the Arts in South Bend. We hope you enjoy it as much as we do!



Myldred Hernandez-Gonzalez '24



Fall 2021

Take a stroll through some images of Fall 2021. A far cry from just a year ago, we are grateful for the opportunities this semester brought upon us.



Thanksgiving Dinner at Rohr's



Pumpkin Carving.



Gingerbread House Decorating



Pumpkin Patch Visit



Fall on Campus



Bagel Brunch during USC weekend



Encanto Showing



Dia de los Muertos Celebration



Jackie Lomeli '22 Interviewing US Space Force Astronaut Col. Mike Hopkins



Professional Dining Workshop